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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HERMY A. FUENTES and VIRGINIA FUENTES,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY and DOES 1 through 20,

Defendants.

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DEFENDANT PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446; DECLARATIONS OF MAUREEN M. MIDDLETON AND SARAH HOUSHIAR IN SUPPORT

[Diversity Jurisdiction]

Complaint Filed: March 24, 2008

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TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1332, 1441, and 1446, Defendant Primerica Life Insurance Company ("Primerica") hereby seeks removal of civil action, Case No. HG08378091, from the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Removal of this action is proper for the following reasons:

#### **PARTIES**

Primerica is the only non-fictitiously named defendant in the civil action 1. filed on or about March 24, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda, entitled "HERMY A. FUENTES and VIRGINIA FUENTES, Plaintiffs, vs. PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY and DOES 1 through 20, Defendants," Case Number HG08378091. All other remaining defendants named in this action are fictitiously named and need not be considered for purposes of removal. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). See also Salveson v. Western Bankcard Assn., 731 F.2d 1423, 1429 (9th Cir. 1984) (finding non-served defendants need not be joined by the removing defendant). A true and correct copy of the Complaint and accompanying Summons is attached to the Declaration of Sarah Houshiar ("Houshiar Decl."), along with the entire process and pleadings filed in state court, as Exhibit "A".

## **TIMELINESS**

Primerica was served by mail with acknowledgement of receipt with the 2. Summons and Complaint in this matter by Plaintiffs Hermy A. Fuentes and Virginia Fuentes ("Plaintiffs"), on March 31, 2008. Primerica had not previously received a copy of said Summons and Complaint.

3. This removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. section 1446(b), in that removal is sought within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons and Complaint, which was the initial receipt by Primerica of a copy of the initial pleading in this action.

#### **DIVERSITY JURISDICTION**

4. This is a civil action for which this Court has jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. section 1332, and is one that may be removed to this Court by Primerica pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. section 1441(b), in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, as set forth more fully below.

## A. Citizenship

- 5. At the time this action was commenced in state court, Primerica is informed and believes that Plaintiff Hermy A. Fuentes was and is an individual residing in San Francisco, in the State of California, and domiciled therein. Primerica is further informed and believes that Plaintiff Virginia Fuentes was and is an individual residing in San Francisco, in the State of California, and domiciled therein. *Houshiar Decl.* ¶ 3, Exhibit "B". On information and belief, Plaintiffs' citizenship as residents of California has not changed since the filing of the Complaint.
- 6. Primerica is, and at all relevant times was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having its principal place of business in Duluth, Georgia. See Houshiar Decl. ¶ 4; excerpt from California Secretary of State's worldwide website¹ attached to the Houshiar Decl. as Exhibit "C"; Best's Insurance Report attached to the Houshiar Decl. as Exhibit "D."

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A corporation has only one principal place of business. *See* 28 U.S.C. section 1332(c)(1); *see also United Computer Systems, Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, 298 F.3d 756, 763 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002).

- 7. More than 99% of Primerica's assets, worth in excess of \$61 million, and 99.7% of its tangible assets are located in Georgia. Declaration of Maureen M. Middleton ("Middleton Decl."), ¶ 2. In addition, 94% of Primerica's employees are located at Primerica's headquarters in Georgia, including its entire administrative, underwriting and claims department staffs. *Id*.
- 8. Based on Paragraphs 5 7 above, there is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Primerica.

## B. Amount in Controversy

- 9. On the face of the Complaint the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000.00. The Complaint alleges one cause of action for (1) Breach of Contract. See Complaint  $\P V IX$ .
- 10. One need only look at the amount of compensatory damages allegedly due to satisfy the amount in controversy requirements for federal jurisdiction. More specifically, Plaintiffs allege that Primerica failed and refused to pay death benefits to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$150,000. See Complaint ¶ VIII.

## **PROCESS**

- 11. As set forth above, Exhibit "A" attached to the Houshiar Decl. ¶ 2, constitutes the entire process and pleadings filed in the state court action.
  - 12. This Notice of Removal is being filed without prejudice to the objections

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1 2	and defenses of Primerica.
3	13. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal has been given to
4	all adverse parties and a copy has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of
5	the State of California for the County of Alameda in accordance with the provisions
6	of 28 U.S.C. section 1446(d).
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8	WHEREFORE, Primerica prays that the above action pending in the Superior
9	Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda, Case No. HG08378091,
10	be removed from that Court to this Court.
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12	Dated: April 22, 2008 BARGER & WOLEN LLP
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14 15	By: GAIL E. COHEN
16	SARAH HOUSHIAR Attorneys for Defendant Primerica Life Insurance Company
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## I, Maureen M. Middleton, hereby declare as follows:

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BARGER & WOLEN LIF 633 W. FIFTH 37. FORTY-SEVENTH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA ROOTI (213) 480-2404 1. I am employed as a Vice-President and Assistant General Counsel of Defendant Primerica Life Insurance Company ("Primerica"). In that capacity, I directly participate in the handling of certain benefits claims made under life insurance policies issued by Primerica, including litigation arising out of claims disputes. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, and if called upon as a witness, could and would competently testify to those facts.

DECLARATION OF MAUREEN M. MIDDLETON

2. More than 99% of Primerica's assets, worth in excess of \$61 million, and 99.7% of Primerica's tangible property, are located in Georgia. In addition, 94% of Primerica's employees, including Primerica's entire administrative, claims handling and underwriting departments are located at Primerica's headquarters in Georgia.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this & day of April, 2008, at \_ Duluth, georgia

MANREEN M. MIDDLETON

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### **DECLARATION OF SARAH HOUSHIAR**

I, Sarah Houshiar, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in this Court and all the courts in the State of California and I am an associate with Barger & Wolen, LLP, counsel of record for Primerica Life Insurance Company ("Primerica"), defendant in this action. I am one of the attorneys with responsibility for the handling of this matter. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below, and if necessary could competently testify as to such matters.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is the entire process and pleadings filed in Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda, Case No. HG08378091.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and correct redacted copy of the "Claimant's Statement" for benefits Plaintiffs submitted to Primerica (dated April 11, 2006) that identifies Plaintiffs' residence address as being located in San Francisco, California.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the California Secretary of State's worldwide website<sup>2</sup> indicating that Primerica is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal place of business located at 3120 Breckinridge Boulevard, Duluth, Georgia 30099. Attached hereto as Exhibit "D" is an excerpt from Best's Insurance Report, a guide published by A.M. Best, Inc., providing detailed profiles of insurance company operations and performance, confirming the same.

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**EXHIBIT A** 

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

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PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY and DOES 1 through 20

(SOLO PARA USO DE MAR 2 4 2008 CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): HERMY A. FUENTES and VIRGINIA FUÉNTES

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee walver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away, if you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia

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COMPLAINT FOR MONEY



Gordon J. Finwall, SB #141777 1 FINWALL LAW OFFICES 1501 The Alameda 2 San Jose, CA 95126 3 (408) 350-4041 FAX (408) 350-4042 MAR 2 4 2008 4 Attorneys for Plaintiffs CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT 5 6 7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 9 (UNLIMITED JURISDICTION) 10 11 HG 08378091 HERMY A. FUENTES and VIRGINIA NO. 12 FUENTES. COMPLAINT FOR MONEY 13 Plaintiffs, (Breach of Life Insurance Contract) 14 15 PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY and DOES 1 through 20, 16 17 Defendants. 18 19 Plaintiffs HERMY FUENTES and VIRGINIA FUENTES allege: 20 Ĭ Defendant PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter "PRIMERICA") 21 22 is a Massachusetts corporation authorized to do business in California by the California Secretary of State and California Department of Insurance with offices in the City of San Leandro, County of 23 24 Alameda, State of California. П 25 26 The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 20, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue these 27 defendants by such fictitious names, and Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to show their true names

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and capacities when they have been ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by such defendants.

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Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all times herein mentioned, each of the defendants was the agent of each of the remaining defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, was acting within the course and scope of such agency and with the permission and consent of his/her/its codefendants.

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Plaintiffs are the parents of decedent Mercedes P. Fuentes (hereinafter "decedent"), who died on March 29, 2006.

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On or about January 7, 2005, PRIMERICA, in consideration of the payment to it of specified premiums, issued a policy of term life insurance to decedent, specifically policy number 0433333419, whereby decedent's life was insured in the face amount of \$150,000.00. Said life insurance policy bears a policy date of January 15, 2005 and an expiry date of January 15, 2051. Plaintiffs, and both of them, are the sole beneficiaries named in the life insurance policy.

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On the date of decedent's death the life insurance policy was in full force and effect.

Decedent died in South San Francisco, County of San Mateo, State of California.

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Plaintiffs and decedent performed all the conditions of the life insurance policy on their part to be performed, and, in accordance with the terms of the policy, Plaintiffs gave PRIMERICA due and timely notice and proof of death.

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Plaintiffs have demanded of PRIMERICA payment of \$150,000.00, the amount in which decedent's life was insured as hereinabove alleged, but PRIMERICA failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to pay the whole or any part of that amount.

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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property. (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writt of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a pfaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that

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Notice is given that a Case Management Conference has been scheduled as follows:

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D	ate: 10/02/2008	Department: 23	Judge: Winifred Y. Smith			
Ti	me: 09:00 AM	Location: Administration Building	Clerk: Yvonne Bazzell			
		Fourth Floor	Clerk telephone: (510) 267-6939			
		1221 Oak Street, Oakland CA 946	12 E-mail:			
			Dept.23@alameda.courts.ca.gov			
		Internet: http://www.alameda.courts.ca.go	ov Fax: 0			

#### **ORDERS**

- You must:
  - a. Serve all named defendants and file proofs of service on those defendants with the court within 60 days of the filing of the complaint (CRC 3.110(b));
  - Give notice of this conference to any party not included in this notice and file proof of service:
  - Meet and confer, in person or by telephone, to consider each of the issues identified in CRC 3.724 no later than 30 calendar days before the date set for the Case Management Conference;
  - File and serve a completed Case Management Conference Statement (use of Judicial Council Form CM 110 is mandatory) at least 15 days before the Case Management Conference (CRC 3.725)
- If you do not follow the orders above, you are hereby ordered to show cause why you should not be sanctioned under CRC 2.30. The hearing on the Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions will be at the same time as the Case Management Conference. Sanctions may include monetary sanctions and any other sanction permitted by law, including striking pleadings or dismissing the action.
- You are further ordered to appear in person\* (or through your attorney of record) at the Case Management Conference noticed above. You must be thoroughly familiar with the case and fully authorized to proceed.
- The Direct Calendar Judge will issue orders at the conclusion of the conference that should include:
  - Referring to ADR and setting an ADR completion date
  - Dismissing or severing claims or parties
  - Setting a trial date.

\*Telephonic appearances at Case Management Conferences may be available by contacting CourtCall, an independent vendor, at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled conference. Parties may make arrangements by calling 1-888-882-6878, or faxing a service request to 1-888-882-2946. This service is subject to charges by the vendor.

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served this Notice of Hearing by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown hereon and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Alameda County, California, following standard court practices.

Executed on 03/28/2008.

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Deputy Clerk

#### Superior Court of California, County of Alameda



#### Notice of Judicial Assignment for All Purposes

Case Number: HG08378091

Case Title: Fuentes VS Primerica Life Insurance

Date of Filing: 03/24/2008

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

This case is hereby assigned for all purposes to:

Judge: Winifred Y. Smith

Department: 23

Address: Administration Building

1221 Oak Street Oakland CA 94612

Phone Number: (510) 267-6939

Fax Number: 0

Email Address: Dept.23@alameda.courts.ca.gov

Under direct calendaring, this case is assigned to a single judge for all purposes including trial

Please note: In this case, any challenge pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §170.6 must be exercised within the time period provided by law. (See Govt. Code 68616(i); Motion Picture and Television Fund Hosp. v. Superior Court (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 488, 494; and Code Civ. Proc. §1013.)

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF AND CROSS COMPLAINANT TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL RULES.

#### General Procedures

All pleadings and other documents must be filed in the clerk's office at any court location except when the Court permits the lodging of material directly in the assigned department. All documents, with the exception of the original summons and the original civil complaint, shall have clearly typed on the face page of each document, under the case number, the following:

ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO JUDGE Winifred Y, Smith DEPARTMENT 23 Counsel are expected to know and comply with the Local Rules of this Court, which are available on the Court's website at:

http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/courts/rules/index.shtml and with the California Rules of Court, which are available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov.

The parties are always encouraged to consider using various alternatives to litigation. including mediation and arbitration, prior to the Initial Case Management Conference. The Court may refer parties to alternative dispute resolution resources.

(1)Counsel are expected to be familiar and comply with the Statement of Professionalism of the ACBA, www.acbanet.org. (2) Appearances by attorneys who are not counsel of record are not permitted except for good cause. (3) Chambers copies of filings will not be accepted unless specifically requested by the Court. (4) Unrepresented litigants must also comply with the pertinent rules, cited above. (5) All references to "counsel" in this Order apply equally to self-represented litigants. The Court Maintains a Self-Help Center at the Wiley W. Manual Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 661 Washington St., Oakland. Telephone (510) 690-2501.

#### Schedule for Department 23

The following scheduling information is subject to change at any time, without notice. Please contact the department at the phone number or email address noted above if you have questions. The Court prefers that contacts with Department 23 be by e-mail with copies to all other counsel. Counsel must confer with opposing counsel before scheduling a hearing date.

- Trials generally are held: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A pre-trial conference may be scheduled two weeks before trial. Pretrial conferences will be at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- Case Management Conferences are held: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Timely filed and complete case management conference statements are required and may eliminate the need for a hearing. Tentative Rulings will be available on the Court's website 3 days before the CMC.
- Law and Motion matters are heard: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Only 1 Demurrer and 1 Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication will be set on each calendar.
- Settlement Conferences are heard: Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- Ex Parte matters are heard: Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. A maximum of 3 matters will be scheduled on each calendar. Urgent matters may be specially set by contacting the department.
- (1) Counsel should anticipate and attempt to resolve discovery and other disputes. (2) No discovery motion shall be filed without prior serious efforts to resolve the dispute. (3) A Mandatory Settlement Conferences will be scheduled approximately 30 days before trial. All parties with authority to settle must be personally present. The Court requests that the parties state an objection to the Direct Calendar judge conducting the settlement conference at the time the conference is scheduled.

#### Law and Motion Procedures

To obtain a hearing date for a Law and Motion or ex parte matter, parties must contact the

#### department as follows:

Motion Reservations

Email:

Dept.23@alameda.courts.ca.gov

Phone:

(510) 267-6939

The Court prefers that reservations for the Law and Motion calendar be made by email.

Ex Parte Matters

Email:

Dept23@alameda.courts.ca.gov

Phone:

(510) 267-6939

#### **Tentative Rulings**

The court will issue tentative rulings in accordance with the Local Rules. Tentative rulings will become the Court's order unless contested in accordance with the Local Rules. Tentative rulings will be available at:

Website: www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb, Calendar Information for Dept. 23

Phone: 1-866-223-2244

Dated: 03/27/2008

Executive Officer / Clerk of the Superior Court

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served this Notice by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown on the attached Notice of Initial Case Management Conference and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Alameda County, California, following standard court practices.

Executed on 03/28/2008

**EXHIBIT B** 

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check bo	x if you are representing yourself	□)	DEFENDANTS		
Hermy A. Fuentes and	Virginia Fuentes		Primerica Life Insuranc	e Company	
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (Except in U S Plaintiff Cases). San Francisco, California			County of Residence of First Resident of the State of		Plaintiff Cases Only)
	ddress and Telephone Number If	you are representing	Attorneys (If Known)		
yourself, provide same.) Gordon J. Finwall, Esq. Telephone: (408) 350-4041 Finwall Law Offices 1501 The Alameda San Jose, CA 95126			Gail E. Cohen (093210) Barger & Wolen LLP 633 West Fifth Street, 4 Los Angeles, CA 9007	Telep 7th Floor	84) hone: (213) 680-2800
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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed that are related to the present case?   ✓ No □ Yes				
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If yes, list case number(s)				
Civil cases are deemed related if a		·		
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Alameda				
List the California County, or State i	f other than Californ	ia, in which EACH named defendant resides (Use an additional sheet if necessary)		
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Primerica Life Insurance Cor	npany: Incorporat	ted in Massachusetts, with its principal place of business in Duluth, Georgia		
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861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the		
		program (42 U S.C. 1935FF(b))		
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 (30 U S C 923)		
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863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as		
		amended, plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U S C 405(g))		
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security		
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